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SUBJECT: WORKING GROUP ON SCIENCE AND TRANSFER OF
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1. AFTER A PERIOD OF SOME DELAY THE FOUR SUB-GROUPS
ESTABLISHED AT THE BRASILIA MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP
ON SCIENCE AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY (WGSTT) ARE BEGIN-
NING TO ORGANIZE. SUB-GROUP III (TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY)
IS SCHEDULED TO CONVENE IN BRASILIA ON AUGUST 20. THE
GUATEMALAN GOVERNMENT HAS AGREED TO HOST SUB-GROUP II
(UTILIZATION OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POTENTIAL OF THE
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES) AND IS EXPECTED TO CALL FOR THE
OPENING MEETING AT THE END OF AUGUST OR EARLY SEPTEMBER.
THE HOSTSHIP FOR SUB-GROUP I (STRENGTHENING OF INTERNAL
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SYSTEMS) REMAINS TO BE DECIDED.
JAMAICA FIRST, AND THEN TRINIDAD, WERE UNABLE TO ACCEPT.

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THE SECRETARIAT PRO TEM (ARGENTINA) HAS NOW ASKED COLOMBIA

TO ASSUME THE RESPONSIBILITY BUT THERE HAS BEEN NO REPLY. SUB-GROUP IV (INSTITUTIONAL MECHANISMS) WILL BE READY TO CONVENE UNDER CHILEAN LEADERSHIP AS SOON AS THE FIRST THREE SUB-GROUPS HAVE COMPLETED THEIR WORK.

2. AS WE MOVE TOWARD MEETINGS OF THE FOUR SUB-GROUPS WE WOULD LIKE TO ESTABLISH CONTACT THROUGH OUR EMBASSIES WITH

THE PERSON OR PERSONS HANDLING SUBSTANTIVE PREPARATIONS IN EACH OF THE ADDRESSEE COUNTRIES. FOR THIS PURPOSE, REQUEST THAT THE EMBASSIES INQUIRE WHO THESE OFFICIALS ARE AND FURNISH US WITH THEIR NAMES, TITLES AND INSTITUTIONAL AFFILIATIONS. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HAVE THE NAME OF THE EMBASSY OFFICER WHO IS FOLLOWING THE WORK OF THE WGSTT AND WHO IS THE POINT OF CONTACT BETWEEN THE EMBASSY AND THE LOCAL OFFICIAL.

3. EMBASSY OFFICERS WHO ARE FOLLOWING THE WORK OF THE WGSTT AND ITS SUB-GROUPS ARE REQUESTED TO MAINTAIN CLOSE CONTACT WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS HANDLING PREPARATIONS WITH A VIEW TO OBTAINING AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE ON THE VIEWS, INITIATIVES, AND PROPOSALS THEY WILL BE PRESENTING. WE ARE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN SPECIFIC PROJECTS THEY PLAN TO TABLE AT ANY OF THE MEETINGS AND ANY INDICATIONS OF CONSULTATIONS WHICH MAY BE GOING ON AMONG THE LATIN AMERICAN MEMBERS. EMBASSY OFFICERS WILL WISH TO FAMILIARIZE THEMSELVES WITH THE MATERIAL SENT TO EACH ADDRESSEE VIA REF (A). IN THIS CONNECTION THE ROUND-UP CABLE SENT BY THE US DELEGATION FROM BRASILIA AND THE TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR EACH OF THE FOUR SUB-GROUPS CONTAINED IN THE REPORT ON THE BRASILIA MEETING ARE OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE. KISSINGER

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